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MRMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT

: Executive Order 9835

1. The Director of Security points out a relatively minor impass in the revision of agency Regulation No. | caused by the apparent revocation of Executive Order 9835 by Executive Order 10450. In spite of the apparent revocation the Director of Security believes that Congressional Committees and Government agencies are governed by the provisions of White House Memorandum, dated 13 March 1948, which although based by reference upon Executive Order 9835, sets out definite procedural requirements with regard to the safeguarding of these files.

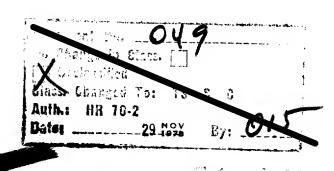
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- 2. I would appreciate if you would look into this matter and advise me on the following points:
- a. Is Executive Order 9835 and/or the Executive Memorandum of 13 March 1948 still in effect either in a legal sense or as a practical matter in the absence of a new Executive Order, or is there actually a void on this area at the present time?
- b. Is a new Executive Order being written or is other action being taken to cover this subject? If so, when is it likely to be completed?
- 3. The enswers to these questions will probably determine whether or not we should attempt to publish a new Agency regulation on this subject at this time.

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